## AS THE AFFAIR IS VIEWED IN LONDON

Believed That Too Much Has Been Made of It.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON, March 18, 5:40 p.m.-On the highest authority the Associated Press is authorized to announce that the difficulty at Tien Tsin between the Russians and British over the construction of a railroad siding in territory claimed by both will probably be solved by the withdrawal of both the British and Russian troops from the ground in dispute.

There is a disposition here to think too much has been made of the Anglo-Russian incident at Tien Tsin, and a more hopeful view of the affair is taken today. This is aided by the statement contained in Dr. Morrison's dispatch from Pekin to the London Times, which is taken to mean that the combined efforts of the interested powers are having the effect of causing St. Petersburg to check any tendency to undue aggressiveness on the part of the Russian representatives in China.

pers here repeat the views of the majority of the morning papers, namely, that diplo-macy will be able to smooth the friction. The officials of the British foreign office have not yet received official confirmation of Russia's alleged backdown in regard to Manchuria, Turkestan and Mongolia, and inquiries on the subject are now being made at St. Petersburg and Pekin. The British foreign office is not relaxing its efforts to secure a more satisfactory statement of the intentions of Russia, officials deprecate the British press agitation on the subject. On all sides it is officially and otherwise said that Great Britresorting to hostilities against Russia, whatever may be the outcome of the pres ent negotiations.

## Dispute Ignored by Government.

Replying to Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett (conservative). Mr. Balfour, the government leader, said in the house of commons today the government did not possess any information indicating any decline in Brit-As to the Russian claim for the waters of Blonde and Elliott Islands, the British government had certainly not accepted this claim. The government had received no communication on the subject from Russia. The Russian admiral had remon strated against the presence in the waters of Elliott Island of H. M. S. Plover, which was engaged in pursuing pirates. But British ships had a perfect right, under the treaty of Tien Tsin, to go there.

Questions regarding the dispute at Tlen Tsin were parried by the under secretary for foreign affairs, Lord Cranborne, in re fusing to answer them without notice. William Redmond raised nationalist cheers by asking why Great Britain had hoisted the white flag and backed down after threatening to use force of arms.

### Russia's Alleged Backdown. Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times, pro-

ceeds to protest energetically against any further sacrifices of their interests on the part of the powers to secure an outward union of action. He thinks that even France can hardly follow her ally in this Commenting upon the Manchurian con-

vention as giving Russia a privileged posi-tion at Kashgor and Yarkand, he says: Russian railway enterprises in China mean military occupation; and Russia once installed in Chinese Turkestan will turn oiled to render impregnable on the northwest frontier of India."
In the course of a later telegram, Dr.

Morrison says: "Chinese officials say they have be formed from St. Petersburg that Russia bandons her claims to exclusive rights in Mongolia and Turkestan and consents to modify the stringency of her control of the civil administration of Manchuria, agreeing that the convention shall be published as

This is the first check inflicted upon Russian diplomacy in China since Lord Salisbury was cajoled into the withdrawa of the British troops from Port Arthur in 1808; and it cannot fail profoundly to modify the situation by convincing the Chinese that there still exist international combinations capable of maintaining the equilib rium of the far east."

### Meeting of the Ministers. PEKIN, March 18.-Little was accom-

plished at today's meeting of the foreign ministers on account of the delay of the various governments in agreeing to the conclusions reached in the matter of in-No minister is allowed full liberty to act

## WARM WELCOME FOR MINISTER WU

Dinners and Receptions Planned for Him at Chicago. CHICAGO, March 18.-Wu Ting Fang the Chinese minister to the United States, will arrive in Chicago today from Washington for a three days' visit to this city. Upon

his arrival he will be taken in hand at once by a committee of five professors from the University of Chicago, of which Head Professor J. Laurence Laughlin is the accepting invitations from various friends of the university, who have planned din-Charles L. Hutchinson, treasurer and one

of the trustees of the university, will entertain Minister Wu at luncheon today at the Chicago Club. In the afternoon the will take Mr. Wu to see the Laughlin will have the Chinese minister at his home, near the university, for dinner, Professor Edward Capps, Benjamin Terry, W. I. Thomas and J. R. Angell, the other members of the faculty reception committee, and probably President Harper, will also take dinner with Professor Laughlin. University students will make Minister Wu feel at home tonight when they tende him a rousing reception at Haskell Hall. Professor Forbes has trained his university band patiently and persistently until they can render Chinese airs like a company of Tomorrow will be Minister Wu's big day

In the morning he will rest. At 1 o'clock he will take luncheon at the invitation of President Harper at the Union of his visit at 3 o'clock when he will deliver the convocation address of the University of Chicago at Studebaker Theater. He will speak to the students at the university and hundreds of friends of the institution on "Chinese Civilization." After the convocation exercises he will be the guest of honor at the quarterly congregation dinner at the Quadrangle Club. He has been invited to visit the stock yards Wednesday.

Wills Presented for Probate.
The will of Charles H. Bowen, dated July 12, 1895, was filed this afternoon for probate. The estate of the decedent is left to his brother, Francis C. Bowen, who is

named executor.
By the terms of the will of Anna E. Kee ler, dated the 16th of last January and filed today with the register, her estate is left to immediate relatives.

### Goldenberg's Opening For three days, ending tomorrow night,

superb showing of new spring millinery has to 928 7th street. The pretty showing of new spring headwear is especially strong in ready-to-wear hats, trimmed in exquisite taste. A cordial invitation is extended to all women to attend to all women to attend the opening. The souvenir prices are temptingly low.

testimony in the matter of the proposed extension of 16th street will be concluded this week. The jury of appraisers is holding sessions every afternoon at the city

STEAM RAILWAY PLANS

SPECULATION REGARDING LOCAL

TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS.

What the Effect of Union of B. and O. and Pennsylvania Interests Will Be.

A good deal of speculation is being indulged in among business men and property holders as to the probable course that will be pursued relative to carrying out the plans authorized by Congress at the last session for improving the steam railroad terminals in this city. As the provisions of the law are plain and the general scheme meets with the approval of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio companies. there would be no question as to the policy to be pursued were it not for the belief that, owing to the purchase of large blocks of the securities of the Baltimore and Ohio in the interests of the Pennsylvania company which has been going on for some time, there is a prospect of the control of the former road passing to the Pennsylvania company. It is not known definitely what the extent and character of the changes in the relations of those two companies have been or will be, but it has been conjectured that if anything like an organic union is to take place, or even if the connection is not to be quite so close, it is possible the authorized terminal plans may be modi-fied. The local interest is, of course, main-ly in this phase of the subject.

In the absence of any definite informa-

tion there have been a variety of opinions advanced. The assertion has even beer made that if the two roads practically be come one, in interest at least, the building of one of the terminals will be abandoned It has further been assumed that if such a course is adopted the terminal most likely to be given up will be that of the Baltimore and Ohio. According to this view the existing city entrances of neither of the Baltimore and Ohio lines will be re-tained, but a junction of those lines will vania company outside the District and then all the trains will come to a new de-pot to be erected in the southern part of present 6th street depot of the Pennsylvania company.

It can be readily understood that the

elimination of all the steam railroad tracks from the northeastern section will be a change of great consequence to the ma-terial interests of the city, and hence the local importance of this matter. It is recognized by all those who have given this problem careful consideration that it is by no means easy of solution, either from the standpoint of the railroad interests or of those of the community.

### Two Main Features.

Broadly speaking, there are two main features which lie, as it were, on the surface. The first of these is ridding an important section of the city of railroad tracks and the concentration of the steam lines in one part of the city instead of occupying two districts, as at present. On the other hand, from the railroad point of view, there would be required in the event of a consolidation of terminals only an expenditure of something more than one-half of the total cost of building the two terminals as proposed. It is estimated that the carrying out of the plans for both terminals authorized by Congress will cost between eight and nine millions of dollars. so that it can be readily seen the financial phase is not an insignificant one.

These may be called general considera tions, but, going more into detail, there are several which are by no means unimportant. For example, on the railroad side if the Pennsylvania terminal is made the only one in this city, the individuality of the Baltimore and Ohio would be destroyed and it would practically become merely one of the lines in the Pennsylvania system. Financiers point out that, in such an event, the merging of the two companies could not be partial or merely a harmoni-ous relation, but would in effect be or-

It is a question in financial circles whether, in view of possible developments in the future, the practical destruction of the I would be wise. From the point of view of city is of doubtful public advantage The influence of a great union passenger make them not a stopping place, but

A large number of people who, if obliged ing connections, might be inclined to stor would not linger if they had merely to would be a falling off, it is urged, in the there is the congestion that would, it is as came here for the inauguration were obliged to use one railroad station, although a large one.

There are, of course, many other details involved, as, for example, the expenditure that would be needed in order to enlarge the navy yard tunnel to accommodate prac-tically what would be a duplication of the present tracks. It is estimated that additional street space would be occupied by the enlarged trackage that must be provided, leading up to the proposed union sta tion. These and other considerations are It is understood that it has been the purof the railroad companies to have th detailed drawings for the proposed tertractors some time in July next. As far in this particular, and if such plans are furnish a reasonable ground for bellef, if minals as authorized by Congress will be

Spring Opening and View of Gold

Always "The Busy Corner," the exten sive establishment of S. Kann, Sons & Co. mer records for special days at these stores. The attraction today is a double one-the

annual spring opening of the millinery de-partment and the exhibition of the famous rold statue of Maude Adams, the cleve admiration it has elecited on all sides, here expressed today by the callers at Kann's when viewing the magnificent millinery exhibit and prize display which is being made and the fairly gorgeous window decora

cluding nine great sections, have been given over to what is pronounced to be the most extensive and elaborate window displawoman's headgear ever seen south of Philadelphia. The exquisite bonnets have been arranged with an idea of artistic harnony, being grouped according to color and in window drapings that are made to match and form effective backgrounds.

This window display is a sort of catalogue all the newest creations and ideas eign designers as well as what New and Kann's own work rooms wrought lightful. Waving palms have been placed the natural beauty of the place presented itself. In the millinery parlors the tive efforts were concentrated with beauti-

in the millinery parlor on the second floor and was viewed today by thousands. The statue was cast by the young American sculpturess. Bessle O. Potter, and was ex-hibited at the Paris exposition as typifying the American girl. It was cast of solid 14-carat gold, weighs 600 pounds, and is valued at \$250,000. It is said to be the largest mass of gold in existence. The statue is mounted on a throne, and reposes beneath a canopy of dark red drapings

## FLOUR INSPECTION.

Applied. Messrs. Theodore J. Mayer, B. B. Earnshaw and G. W. Cissel, the flour commis-

sioners of the District, have written the District Commissioners stating that they are in favor of a law requiring all flour to

be inspected. "We are," state the flour commissioners, Formation of the Instructive Visiting "decidedly in favor of flour inspection for several reasons. Many of the packages received from the various mills are light in weight. Then there is the grade or quality, which must be given strict attention by the buyer, particularly so this year. The receivers of flour object to being compelled to have it inspected when it unless they think it unsound, cause it costs I cent per barrel to have it inspected. On the other hand, the consumer ought to be protected against dishonest miliers and jobbers in flour, and we, therefore, recommend to your honorable body that you appoint a competent flour inspector." The commissioners then suggest the name

of a man who, they say, can meet all re-quirements expected of such an official. "We would also suggest," they continue, "that the inspector be paid a salary of \$100 per month out of the funds of the District government. He should inspect all the flour received in the District by grocers, irrespective of the style of packages in order to determine its purky, soundness

and weight. "The law of inspection, when operative, should be enforced, and those persons who evade its provisions should be punished for each and every offense. If, however, a flour receiver sends for the flour inspec-tor and desires to have a certain flour in-spected, such receiver should pay 1 cent per barrel as a fee, whether in wood, jute, cotton or paper packages, and the money so collected should be paid into the treasury of the District at such times as be designated by you."

The suggestions made by the flour commissioners will be duly considered by the Commissioners, but it is understood that there would be no appropriation specifi-cally setting apart funds for the payment of the recommended flour inspector, should they desire to appoint such an officer.

## GOES TO GRAND JURY.

Alleged Theft of Diamond Pin to Be Investigated.

Hazel Newton and Champ Garland were today charged in the Police Court with the larceny of a diamond pin, valued at \$250, from William Shelley of No. 1213 G street northeast. Through their counsel, Mr. Campbell Carrington, they pleaded not guilty. Judge Scott considered the case one that ought to be investigated by the grand jury and held the accused under bonds to await further proceedings.

Mr. Shelley informed the court that while walking on Pennsylvania avenue near 11th street northwest Saturday evening, February 23, he was accosted by the women under arrest. He said they pretended to know him, and by their request he walked around the corner of the street and into a hallway, where one of the accused women, he alleged, relieved him of his diamond

At the earnest solicitation of Mr. Carrington the accused were permitted to take the stand in their own behalf, notwithstanding it is not usual in grand jury cases to concede this privilege to persons having a preliminary examination. Both claimed to have been in Baltimore at the time of the alleged robbery.

### FIVE ACRES IN A BLAZE. Conflagration in Progress in St.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 18.-Fire, supposed to have started in the ice house of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, at the foot of Cherokee street, at 1 p.m., was fanned into a great conflagration and has spread over five acres of buildings. Among the buildings reported already

Louis.

burned are the Missouri Car and Foundry Company and a row of flats. The United States arsenal, containing

quartermaster's stores, and the buildings of the Busch brewery are threatened with de-A general alarm has been turned in Every

engine available has been sent to the scene.

# SUNK OFF ABSECON.

PHILADELPHIA, March 18, - The schooner Margaret B. Roper, Captain Cranmer, arrived here early today and reported that she collided with and sank the schoener C. A. White, from Philadelphia for Boston, yesterday off Absecon, N. J. This clears up the mystery of the collision reported yesterday by the crew of the life saving station at Great Egg Harbor, N. J. All of the crew of the White were rescued by the Roper and brought to this city. Captain Cranmer says the only dam-

collision occurred at 12:15 yesterday morning. The White was struck on the went down in about ten minutes. She had twenty feet out of the water.

NEW YORK, March 18.-The White was a three masted schooner of 791 Me., in 1894, and was 178.5 feet long, 38 feet beam and 15.6 feet deep. She halled from Taunton, Mass., and was owned by

## MINERS' LEADERS CONFER.

President Mitchell Promises to Give

SCRANTON, Pa., March 18.-President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America and District Presidents Nichols. Duffy and Fahev of the three anthracite districts of Pennsylvania are in session here this afternoon. They will take up the question of a conference with the operators on the wage schedule and on the instructions of last week's Hazleton convention, and hope to arrive at some plan whereby such a conference can be secured. The present outlook is far from bright

other strike of the anthracite miners will comes such as to absolutely demand it. President Mitchell will remain in Scray conferences with the old leaders.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 18 .- As yet the mystery surrounding the card which Miss Helen Hall is to play in the game which has for its stake the property of George Francis Gilman, the millionaire tea merchant, is unrevealed. Mrs. Hall was to say a word. Attorney for all of the ing getting ready for the hearing on the appointment of an administrator, which will be held in the probate court at 4

### Grand Jury Will Investigate. Peter Mulholland was this afternoon held for the action of the grand jury by Judge

Scott in the Police Court to answer the charge of converting six blouses belonging to the United States to his own us A decree was signed this afternoon by

Justice Bradley in Equity Court No. 2 granting Nora G. McIntire a divorce from Elwood W. McIntire on the ground of de-

Detached on Account of Ill-Health. Lieutenant Commander William Braunersreuther has been detached from duty as captain of the port of Manila on account of ill health and sent to the naval hospital at Yokohama for treatment. A statement to that effect was cabled to the Navy Department by Admiral Remey. No

## About noon today a local alarm was sen

to No. 11 Engine Company because of a 1420 Howard avenue, Mount Pleasant. The

Nurse Society. REPORT NADE BY DR. ANNE WILSON Plan of Providing Assistance for

COST OF THE SERVICE

the Indigent Sick.

An interesting account of the formation and purposes of a new and promising charity in the District, the Instructive Visiting Nurse Society, is contained in the report made by Dr. Anne Wilson at the annual meeting held recently at the residence of the president of the board of managers, Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, 1765 Massachusetts avenue. The plan of providing trained nurses for the poor, as conducted by the society, has received the warmest commen dation of the District health officer, Dr. Woodward, and all the physicians to the poor, who, it is said, strongly urge its continuance and extension. The managers of the society are most anxious to arouse public interest in the work and to secure subscriptions that will permit of the maintenance and extension of the charity. All who contribute, in either large or small amount, will be invited to the annual meetings of the society, and will be expected to take part.

"The Instructive Visiting Nurse Society of Washington had its foundation stone laid in February, 1900," says Dr. Wilson in her report. "A few weeks prior to that time some of our present board of managers had their attention drawn to the fact that there was in Washington no provision for supplying trained nurses to the sick poor in their own homes, and yet most of the cases of illness are not of the sort to be sent to the hospital. These are the chronic cases, the consumptives, the paralytics, cancer cases and others for which there is scant provision in our hospitals. There not to move from their homes.
"I refer to the wives and mothers.

many instances the family life totters and hopelessly falls if they be removed for weeks from the home circle. So, even in

acute illnesses, it is often desirable to care for them in their own homes.

"The Sibley deaconesses have done what they could in the way of nursing the sick poor, but these pupil deaconesses are here during their training only, have little time for work heyond their own school and have for work beyond their own school and hos-pital, and of necessity their outside work is very limited. One or two churches have deaconesses whose duties are manifold and confined to their own congregations. Outside this small field there were no trained nurses whose duty it was to nurse the sick poor in their own homes, and in Washington we have a very much larger poor pop-ulation than most people realize.

### Sought Information. "The ladies referred to opened up a cor-

respondence with the Boston Instructive Visiting Nursing Association and visited personally the superintendents of the Philadelphia and Baltimore societies, that they might acquaint themselves with the means and methods of some of the nursing societies already at work. After a few weeks devoted to the study of the work in the three cities named, it was decided to place a nurse in one of the poorer districts—the southwest section of Washington—feeling that we had better demonstrate to our own satisfaction that such an agent for alleviating the sufferings of the sick poor was the real need in Washington, that we believed it to be, and considering that if such proved to be the case, it would be easier to appeal to the public to carry on a charity adready-started than to inaugu-

the homes of the poor, and the physician ed such gratitude for her valuable decided to call a meeting for considerin the wisdom of enlarging the scope of the work. This meeting was held the first week in April at the residence of Mrs.

"Remarks were made by Mr. Wilson, see retary of the Associated Charities, a docto from the health office, one of the Associated Charities agents, the superintendent of the Philadelphia society and others. All told from personal experience of the great need for visiting nurses to the poor.

the hot weather. Printed leaflets were sent out and several clergymen made warm ap peals from their pulpits. By May 1 we had funds pledged to support a second nurse and she began work May 15 in the south came nobly forward and agreed to give u came nobly forward and agreed to give us funds to support a third nurse. She began work June 15 in Northeast Washington, and before the members of the board had dispersed for the summer we had funds work in Georgetown July 1. Since January ed services of a superintendent. For this important post we secured the services of Miss Hacket, who had been for some years in charge of a hospital in Waltham, Mass. In this hospital district nursing had been an important feature of the indorsements and ripe with experience northwest and may be found there ous to know more of the details of our ing hand, are urged to visit Miss Hacket

## Cost of the Service. "The cost of each nurse is about \$800

year. This provides for salary, \$25, board, lodgings, uniforms, laundry, car fares and supplies.

"From the first we have had the hearts co-operation of the health office and the Associated Charities. The latter organiza tion has granted us space in its branch offices, where our nurses make their headquarters during the day, and where they re to be found from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. when not out on their rounds.

"Here each nurse is equipped with a loan and supply cupboard. We have found that the lending of clean bed linen and underwork. While it makes it possible to properly care for the sick, we hope much also from the valuable object lesson in cleanliness.
"The close daily contact with the Asso

ciated Charities agents has been most help-ful to our nurses. And these agents say our society has afforded them a strong arm of support which they sadly felt the need for before. Other districts are calling out time to have ten nurses at work in Wash-ington. Each morning our nurses report at the police precincts in their districts, where the calls for the doctors to the poor are recorded. Here they meet the doctors and receive instructions relative to the pavery different kind of work is done. Previously the doctors to the poor visited and
prescribed and left, knowing that in most
cases, either through inability or ignorance,
the people would not carry out his orders.
"While the majority of our cases quite
naturally are those treated by the doctors
to the poor, any doctor having a sufficiently needy case is asked to avail himself of the services of our nurses, but of
course this work must be confined to cases
in the districts where they are stationed.

section, with its scattered and outlying poor quarters, to say nothing of the thickly settled very poor section between North Capitol and 7th streets and Pennsylvania avenue and the boundary.

"A call book is kept at each nurse's headquarters, where names of needy cases were turned from the Philippines, has out of commission at Norfolk.

our notice by the Associated Charities agents, and all clergymen and charity workers are asked to report cases.

GIVEN THE RIGHT OF WAY FINANCE AND TRADE

The Instructive Side. "We lay much stress upon the instructive side of our work. We are prepared for slow returns, but we can see that we are accomplishing something in this direction Our nurses are getting quite a reputation for inspiring the people with ideas of cleanliness. Lately one of our nurses was called upon by one of the doctors with the comforting remark, 'Come, Miss —, I have the dirtlest sort of a family for you. See what you can do with them.' One of the nurses has apparently revolutionized another family, where the most squalid surrounding previous and with which the statement. roundings prevailed and with which family the charities agents had labored faithfully

but in vain for three years.

"There seem to be peculiarly confidential relations quickly established between the nurse and the poor people. She is not a dispenser of funds, therefore begging is sion of the Supreme Court of the United States title to this has been vested in the a dispenser of funds, therefore begging is not in order, and there is no incentive to dissembling. She has come to minister with her own hands to their aching, suffering bodies, and with the way thus won to their hearts and gratitude she becomes a privileged person for good in their midst.

"Again, the health officer has in the nurse United States. The same decision, however, stipulated that those who, under some color of right, have proceeded to construct wharves and other improvements along the water's edge should be compensated for the same. It required the passage of a special an important agent for discovering culpa-ble neglect on the part of landlords of the act, which was recently enacted, to make insanitary conditions of their poor dwellit legal to include in these improvements not only wharf property from the shore

## Naval Orders.

Lieutenant Commander F. S. Carter has been detached from the hydrographic office, bureau of equipment, and assigned to command of the Wabash. His duties in the bureau of equipment are assumed by Lieutenant Commander F. W. Coffin, detached

Cadets C. R. Train and R. T. Menner, from the Oregon to the Brooklyn. Lieut. L. McNamee, from the Isla de Luzon to the Oregon. Ensign C. L. Poor, from the Monocacy to

the Oregon.
Lieut. W. J. Sears, from the New Orleans to duty as captain of the port of Manila.
Ensign Duncan M. Wood, order detaching from Oregon and assigning to Buffalo First Lieut. Logan Feland, Marine Corps, from Cavite station to Mare Island. Lieutenant Commander William Braun-ersreuther, from duty as captain of the

port of Manila, he having been condemned by a medical survey, and ordered to the Yokohama Hospital. Lieutenant Commander G. F. W. Holman, from the Cavite station to the Albany. Lieut. J. S. Doddridge, from comn the Talbot to the Chicago, on staff of Rear Admiral Cromwell, to relieve Lieut. B. W.

properties. It is stated that only a com-paratively small portion of the present wharfage section will be converted to other uses by the United States. Wells, placed on waiting orders. Lieut. E. B. Underwood, from the Topeka It is stated by one who is familiar with the subject that the court has nothing to do directly with the question as to whom rental money should now be paid by par-ties who have rented any of the wharf property. The court will deal principally with those who possessed some color of right for having built the wharves and to duty as secretary of the general board in this city.
Lieut. W. Truxton, from duty in ci Norfolk branch, hydrographic office, to the Asiatic station. Lieut. A. C. McMechan, retired, from Nor-folk yard to duty in charge branch hydro-

graphic office, Norfolk.

Lieut. F. J. Schell, from the Oregon to the Marietta. Lieut. W. A. Gill, from the Oregon to the New Orleans Lieut. A. A. McKethan and Cadet C. H. Woodward, from the Oregon to the Isla de

Ensign W. C. Asserson, from the Oregon

District of Columbia, inclosing a copy of a letter forwarded by the Attorney General to the United States attorney for the District. The Commissioners have referred the communication to Mr. A. B. Duvall, the attorney for the District. to the Monocacy.
Ensign C. P. Nelson, from the Oregon to the Helena. Capt. L. E. Wright, jr., from the Oregon to the Newark.
Capt. John McGowan has been detached from duty as commandant of the Key West station, April 1, and ordered to Washington for examination for retirement.

Commander A. H. Lillie, from the New
York navy yard to duty as commandant of

the Key West station.

Medical Director J. B. Parker, president of the medical examining boards, Washington navy yard, and Medical Director R. E. A. Marmion, on duty at the Naval E. A. Marmion, on duty at the Naval
Home, Philadelphia, have been ordered to
exchange stations and duties.
Lieut. W. S. Whitted, from the hydrographic office, Savannah, to the Chicago.
Lieut. E. A. Anderson, from special duty
at Bridgeport, Conn., to the Asiatic sta-

Lieut. F. W. Greenleaf (retired), to the Lieut. F. W. Greenleaf (retired), to the hydrographic office, Savannah, Ga.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. M. Moore, from the Port Royal station to the Frank-

Assistant Surgeon H. O. Shiffert, from the Franklin to the Asiatic station, via th Assistant Surgeon E. Thompson, from the Assistant Surgeon J. C. Thompson, to the Port Royal station. Civil Engineer R. E. Bakenhus to the

from the Massachusetts and await orders.

## Army Orders.

Col. James N. Wheelan, 12th Cavalry, has been ordered to Fort Sam Houston,

A., has been ordered before the army retiring board for examination. Capt. Reuben B. Turner, 6th Infantry,

has been detailed to fill the vacancy in the quartermaster's department. Acting Assistant Surgeon G. Parker Dillon, U. S. A., ordered from Grand Rapids, Mich., to Fort Sheridan, Ill., for duty.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Fred R. Underwood, U. S. A., ordered from London, Ohio, to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for duty in the Department of the Missouri.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Charles Williams, U. S. A., will be relieved from further duty at Fort Screven, Ga., upon the return of Acting Assistant Surgeon John R. Hicks, U. S. A., when he will go to Fort McPherson, same state.

Capt. Jacques de la Lafitte, U. S. Infantry, has been ordered to Fort Du Pont, Delaware, to take charge of the construction of public buildings at that place Maj. Walter Whitney, surgeon, U. S. Volunteers, has been detached from duty at Fort Walla Walla, Washington, and ordered to the Philippine Islands, Capt. George A. McHenry, assistant surgeon, U. S. Volunteers, has been detached from duty at Santiago, Cuba, and ordered

Cavalry, ordered to examination for promo-

### to the Philippine Islands for duty. Must Pay Special Tax.

The commissioner of internal revenue has held that where conditional warehouse cerpurchaser thereby obtains all rights that he could by purchase of unconditional certificates for whisky in bond, and the vender is required to pay special tax as a wholesale liquor dealer.

### Wants Copies of Telegrams. In the case of Edward A. Moseley, secre

tary and disbursing agent of the interstate commerce commission, involving an account of \$321, the controller of the treasury has decided that accounts for telegraph tolls must be accompanied by copies of the telegrams sent or by a certificate from the commission stating that the telegrams were of such a confidential nature that to file them with the auditor would be prejudi-

### Will Represent the Senate. The senators and members appointed to

attend the funeral of the late Repres tative Brosius of Pennsylvania, at Lan caster, Wednesday afternoon, will leave Washington at 7:50 a.m. Wednesday, over on the part of the senate is as follows: Senators Penrose, Quay, Sewell, Scott, Martin and Gallinger. The house commit-

The Essex has sailed from Guadaloupe

for Annapolis. The Mayflower, which was aground off Porto Rico, has arrived at San-Juan; the Philadelphia has arrived at Sancruiser Atlanta, one of Admiral Schley's ships that went into dock at Buenos Ayres, has gone out of dock and joined the south Atlantic squadron. The battle ship Wisconsin, which was recently placed in commission, and which is on a cruise, was sighted off Bonita Island, Mexico, the 15th. The collier Ajax, which has recently returned from the Philippines has been put each of the districts where we are work-ing. Not less than three nurses will be required for the very extensive northwest

> At Liverpool-Bovic, from New York; Cestrian, from Boston; Ivernia, from Bos-

PROCEEDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH

The United States attorney for the Dis-

additional proceedings of considerable in

terest in reference to the local river front,

and will give the matter right of way over

The situation has thus reached such a phase that United States Attorney Ander-

Martin F. Morris and others before the Su preme Court of the District of Columbia

interested an opportunity to be heard. The testimony will be considered by the court

and a decree framed fixing the values. The

with a recommendation that legislation be

enacted appropriating a sufficient amount of money to pay the wharf owners.

Commissioners of the District of Columbia will assume control of the wharf property

a bill containing that provision having already been passed. The title to the river

front will, of course, remain in the United States, but the District Commissioners will

have charge of renting the wharf and other

It is stated by one who is familiar with

In connection with the river front matter

Attorney General Griggs has addressed a communication to the Commissioners of the

the attorney for the District of Columbia

suggesting that he confer with the United States attorney relative to the situation.

Deaths in the District.

The following deaths were reported to

the health department during the forty-

eight hours ending at noon today: Harriet

J. McGill, eighty-eight years; Johanna Go-

Union were this afternoon placed on record

with the recorder of deeds. The stated ob-

jects and purposes for which the organiza-

tion is formed are the advancement of his-

torical, literary and scientific knowledge,

the promotion of social and friendly inter-

course among the members, and to pro-

vide and maintain in this city a conven-

iently situated and suitably equipped es-

associations and other like organizations of

O. Emmons, M. V. Tierney, Thomas J.

Charged With Embezzlement.

strangers.

schedule will be forwarded to Congress,

water.

THE POTOMAC FLATS. Unusually Active Demand Manifested

United States Attorney to Give the Matter Immediate Attention-Conference Suggested.

trict of Columbia is about to inaugurate Reading Issues Were Also in

stocks from pools, commission houses and the public resulted in a more active market today than at any time in several weeks. All classes of stocks, including the steel group, which has been dormant for a fortline out into the water, but the buildings and like property on shore and used in con-nection with that extending out over the night, were taken in round amounts. The total dealings for the first three hours aggregated 1,100,000 shares, a total considerably in excess of any recent full day. Realizing was something of a feature at times, son may now act. He will reopen the fa-mous case of the United States against and there can be no doubt that profit-taking by certain influential interests was in progress upon a liberal scale during the active periods.

sitting in general term, by formally calling the attention of the court to the necessity for further proceedings. The court, it is pointed out, will direct that testimony be The first incentive to the new activity was the steady buying of Burlington by houses hitherto identified with the rise. taken to ascertain the values of the wharf property, and, of course, will give all those All sorts of rumors were in circulation as When payment shall have been made the

> It is reasonably certain that dividends on the second preferred shares will be earned if present business holds.
>
> The southwestern group, under the leadership of Missouri Pacific, was strong, with the exception of Wabash, in which no special effort was apparent. Atchison is

in progress in this property.

The Traction stocks were the second features of the market, Vanderbilt buying of Manhattan being reported and believed. The price responded easily and new buy-ing came into the entire group. The ad-vance was not without evidences of manip-

sues included in the new company selling up to new high levels and the new stocks gaining in price on the curb. The companies not in the consolidation were also very strong under an improved demand. market reacted slightly around delivery hour, but confidence in higher prices

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years old, was arrested this morning by Policeman Hayden of the fourth precinct, enn. Coaland from..... umon Pacific on a charge of emblezzlement. The defendant has been working for Mrs. Lucretia Leather pfd... Webb, who keeps a junk shop at 41/2 street S. Rubber and Maine avenue southwest. It is alleged that he collected money belonging to his employer and failed to make re Amalgamated Copper... turns. The case will be disposed of at the

## The Ideals of Life.

An interesting lecture in German was de livered by Dr. Titus Voelkel of Brooklyn N. Y., under the auspices of the Columbia Turn Verein, on the subject of "Ideals of Life" in the hall of the verein, 3d street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, yesterday afternoon. The attendance was large and the lecture highly interesting and instructive.

## The Health of President Dias.

The Mexican consul at El Paso, Tex., Mr. Mallen, has returned to the City of Mexico from a three days' stay at Cuernavaca, where he had an interview with President Diaz. He says the president is in excellent health. There continues to be much talk there about President Diaz going to El Paso to meet President McKinley when the coast, but there seems to be some doubt as to which government should take the initia-tive. Each president has a high regard for he other, and a meeting between

BALTIMORE, March 18.-Flour quiet,

for Stocks. BURLINGTON WAS STEADILY BOUGHT

## Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, March 18.-The demand for

All sorts of rumors were in circulation as to the cause of the demand, but none of them seemed to be wholly acceptable. Pennsylvania was said to be buying for control, and brokers frequently used by that company were active in the Burlington crowd. Good judges also found some reasons for seriously regarding the lease of Burlington under a guarantee by Northern Pacific and Great Northern.

The late strength of the Erie issues the The late strength of the Erie issues, the supposed eastern link in this system, tended to confirm the latter view.

to confirm the latter view.

Reading issues were strong also during this period, and favorable developments in the coal field were probably quite as responsible for the rise as were the consolidation rumors. Erie and Reading issues reflect a curious preference for the common and second preferred shares, as the result of the pending policy of the inside interests.

cial effort was apparent. Atchison is-sues were well bought and in this connec-tion rumors of Pennsylvania buying were heard. Something of importance in ad-dition to dividend prospects is undoubtedly

ulation, but the buying was frequently good in character. The Steel stocks were all strong, the is-

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